

Supreme Court Justice

Walter L. " Bud " Carpeneti



DATE OF BIRTH: December 1, 1945
PLACE OF BIRTH: San Francisco, California
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 29 years
Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks

EDUCATION:
Riordan High School, 1959-1963, Diploma; Stanford University, 1963-1967, A.B. with distinction; Columbia School of Law, 1967-1968; Boalt Hall, University of California Berkely, 1968-1970, J.D.; managing editor, Law Review.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska Judicial Council, 1980-1981; Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, 1992-1995.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Partner, Carpeneti & Council, 1978-1981; supervisor, Alaska Public Defender Agency (Juneau), 1974-1978; partner, Carpeneti & Carpeneti (San Francisco), 1972-1974; law clerk to Honorable John Dimond, Alaska Supreme Court, 1970-1971.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
National Council on Alcoholism (Juneau), 1980-1983; Gastineau Council on Alcoholism, 1975-1978.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Coach, youth basketball, 15 years; long-distance family bicycle touring.

OTHER:

As a lawyer and trial judge, I served on various supreme court advisory committees. As a member of the supreme court, I have served as chair of the supreme court's Judicial Education Committee, responsible for all continuing legal education for Alaska judges.

STATEMENT:

It has been a great honor for me to serve as a trial judge (on the superior court) for 16 years and an appeals judge (on the supreme court) for almost 4 years. I appreciate very much that in three previous retention elections - 1984, 1990, and 1996 - the voters chose to retain me as a judge.

In 1984 I wrote in this pamphlet that a judge should make sure that persons who are involved in disputes have a place to come to where they are fairly heard and where a decision will be reached that is based on the law and that is reasonably prompt.

I still believe those words. While being an appeals judge is different from being a trial judge, these principles remain. The work requires the members of the court, on a monthly basis, to review thousands of pages of legal briefs and records of proceedings in the trial courts, consult the law as found in written laws and previous decisions, and then produce written opinions explaining the court's reasons for ruling as it does. It also involves deciding, in the criminal area, which cases to take for review.

I believe that I have learned a great deal since I was appointed to the supreme court, and that with this learning has come increased efficiency in serving the people of Alaska. I hope that the voters see fit to retain me to continue this work.

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Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Justice Walter L. Carpeneti, Supreme Court

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Justice Carpeneti to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain him as a supreme court justice.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Justice Carpeneti on ten categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Justice Carpeneti 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.5) in the categories of conduct free from impropriety, courtesy, and understanding and compassion. He scored 4.4 or better in all ten categories.

Summary Categories	Attorney Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.4	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.8
Integrity	4.6	4.8
Temperament	4.6	4.8
Diligence	4.5	4.3
Overall	4.5	4.7

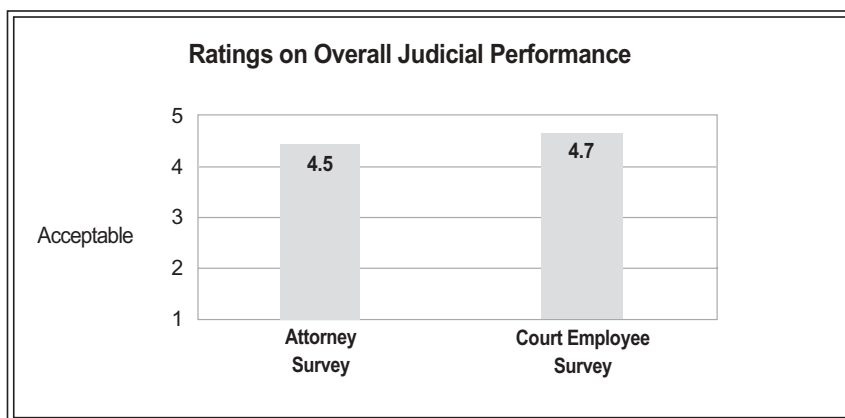
Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
4.0 = Good
3.0 = Acceptable
2.0 = Deficient
1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of all court employees rated Justice Carpeneti 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the justice. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Justice Carpeneti

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